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1. In response to Senator Anderson's letter of 17 January regarding [ ] an applicant for a position in [ ] it is noted that with our approval State Department has released to Senator Anderson certain secret information which we had concerning [ ] activities abroad. In accordance with instructions from Col. White, I have informed Mr. Wood, of Senator Anderson's office, that we would prefer not to reply to the Senator's letter in writing as it involves internal security matters, from which we are barred by statute; however, I informed him that the source of our information was a trained intelligence officer who was therefore presumed to be reliable and who knew [ ] as two distinct individuals. We therefore felt that our report was probably accurate.

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2. I discussed with Mr. Paschal, of the Staff Director of the Senate Post Office & Civil Service Committee, the circumstances surrounding the resignation of [ ] from CIA. In accordance with Col. White's instructions, I did not release my letter to Senator Carlson, dated 2 February, for the Committee's retention, but allowed Mr. Paschal to read it in my presence. I explained to Mr. Paschal that CIA was always reluctant to make written material available for reasons of security, and while there was no immediate security problem involved in this case, I did not wish to set a precedent by leaving any material with him. He agreed to this procedure and stated that if there were any further questions regarding [ ] he would call upon us.

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3. General Smith instructed Mr. Wisner, Mr. Houston and myself to review the transcript of his confirmation testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. We suggested certain deletions for reasons of security [ ]

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4. I discussed with Mr. Gerald Morgan and Mr. Bryce Harlow, of the White House legislative staff, the steps to be taken in connection with the proposed bill for Gen. Cabell. It was determined that every care should be taken in approaching the two committees in view of the sensitivity of the House in particular to increasing the numbers of

general officers in the Air Force: It was agreed that the matter should emanate from CIA rather than the White House, and that it would probably be preferable to keep the Cabell bill separate from general legislation.